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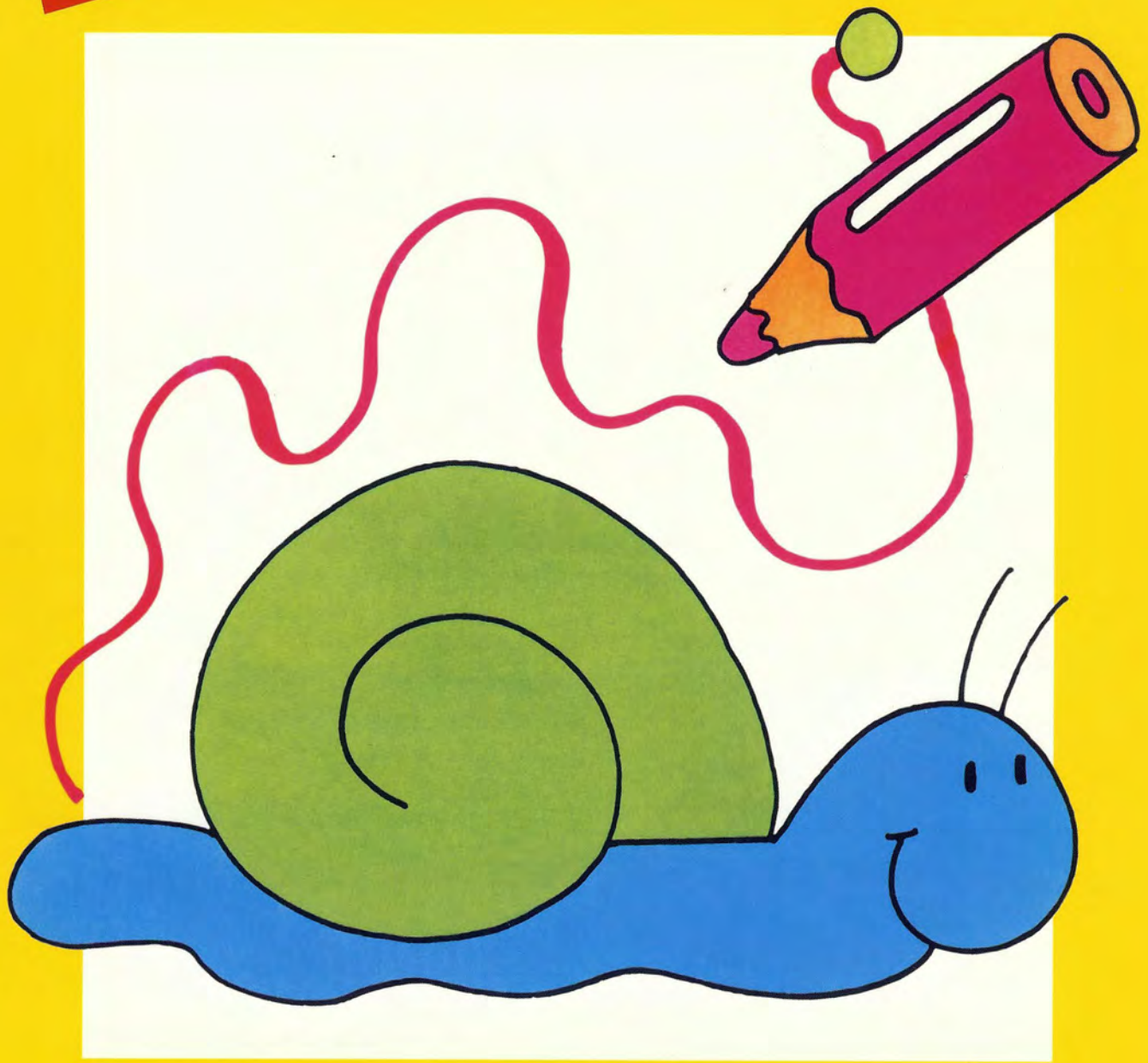
SERIES 1

Learning at Home

Begin to Write Book 1



Age 3+

Note to parents

This book is specially designed for preschool children who are eager to begin writing. The entertaining exercises give practice in drawing simple lines, patterns and shapes leading to letter formation.

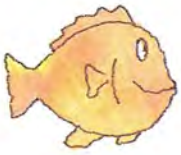
All the exercises can be repeated again and again on scraps of paper. Provide a range of coloured crayons and pencils and help your child with the instructions given on each page. Pencils are better once the child has progressed to actual letter formation.

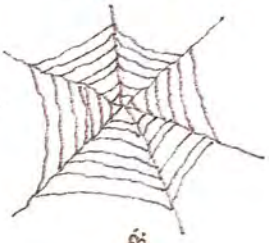
Practising all these writing patterns will help your child to develop the hand and eye movement and stamina essential for fluent handwriting.

Movement from left to right and from top to bottom is a feature of all the exercises in this book and is very important to both reading and writing. Help your child to trace over the lines and patterns with a finger before using a pencil. A dot shows the starting point for each exercise.

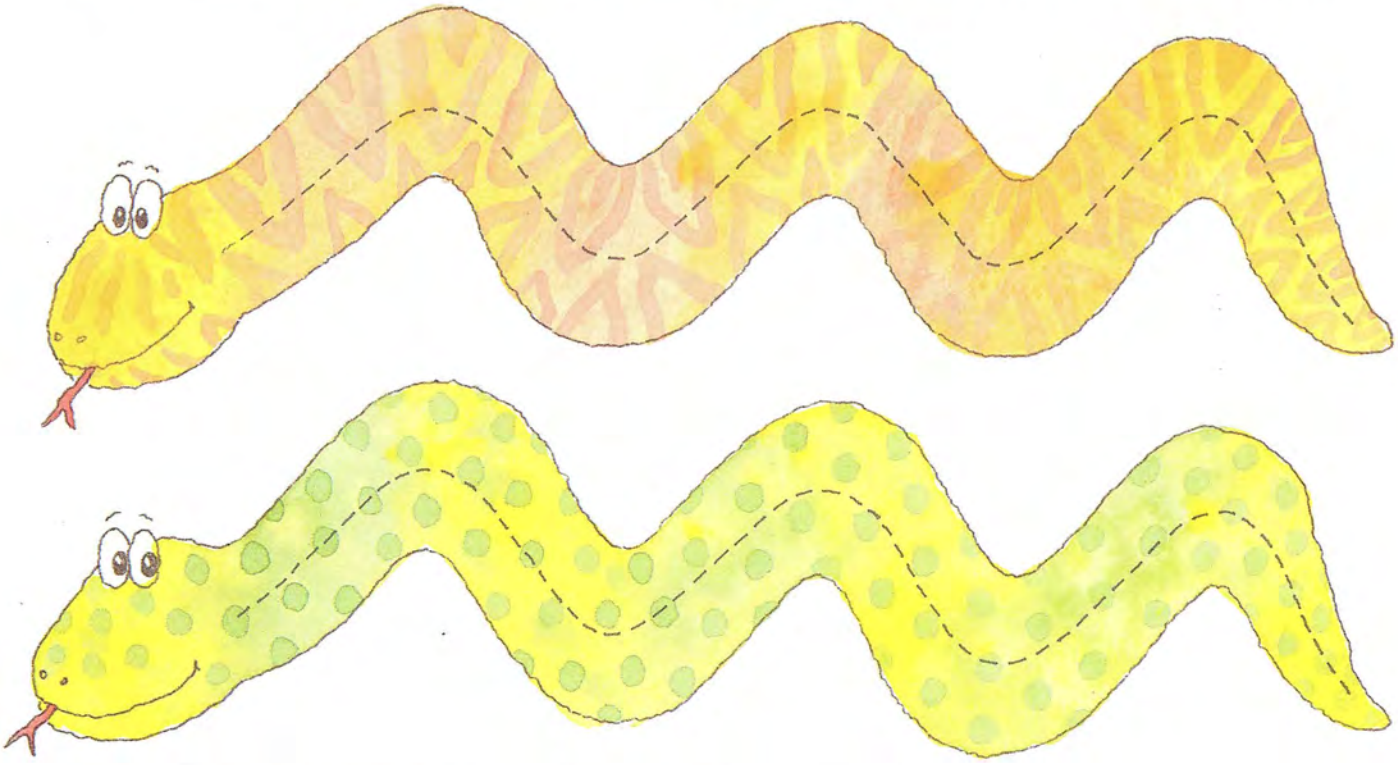
There are further books in the Ladybird Learning at Home *range:* ***Begin to Write Book 2*** *(3+);* ***Writing*** *and* ***I Can Write*** *(4+). These books continue the development of handwriting skills and cover lower case and capital letters.*

Finger first!
Then draw over the lines from left to right.

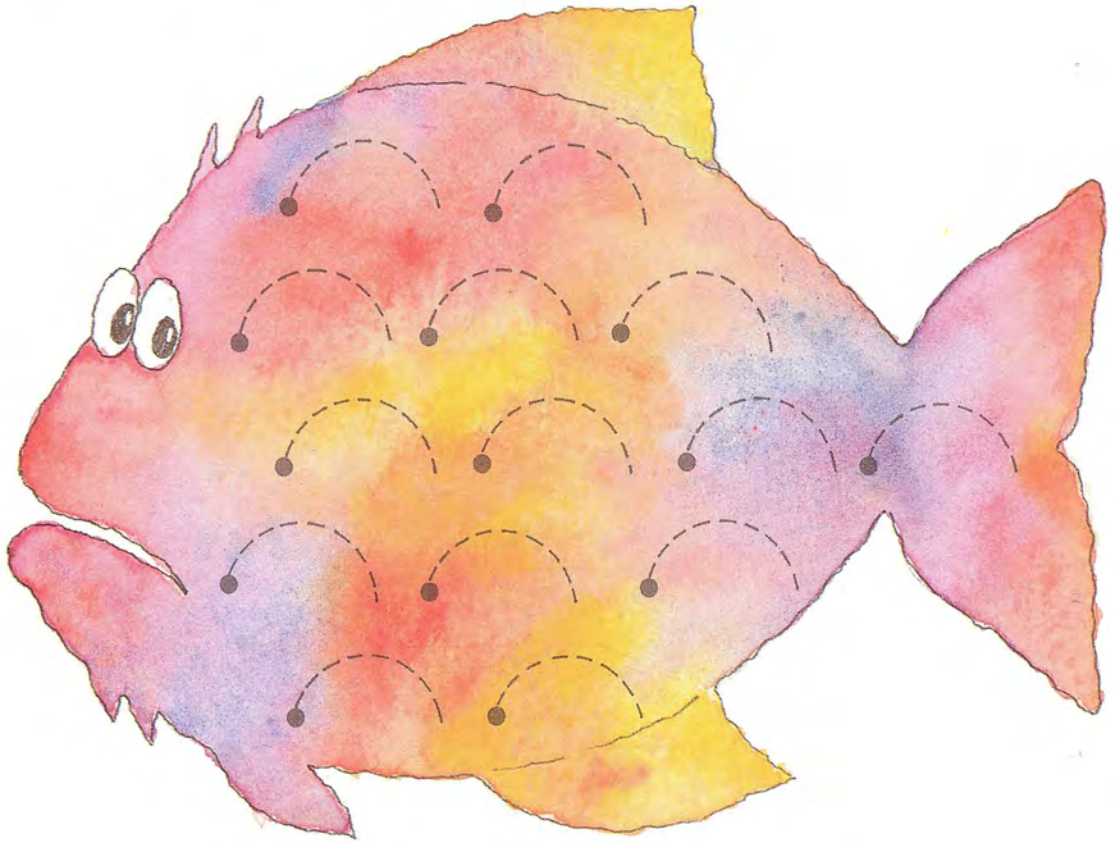




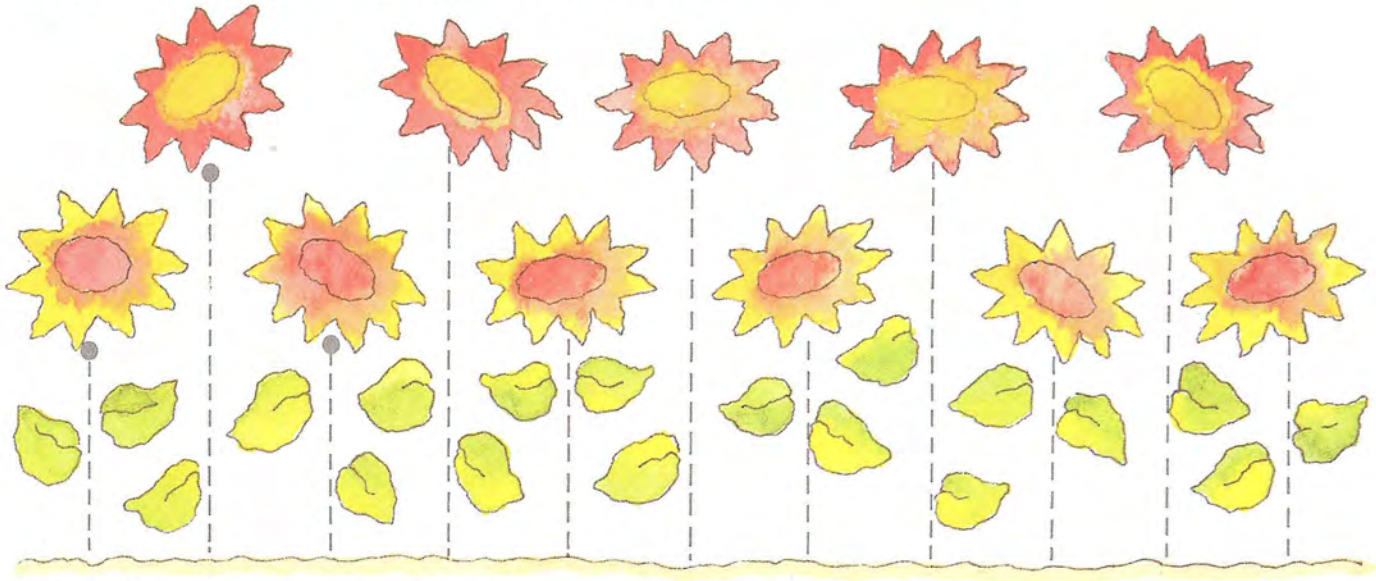
Finger first!
Then draw on the wiggly snakes from left to right.



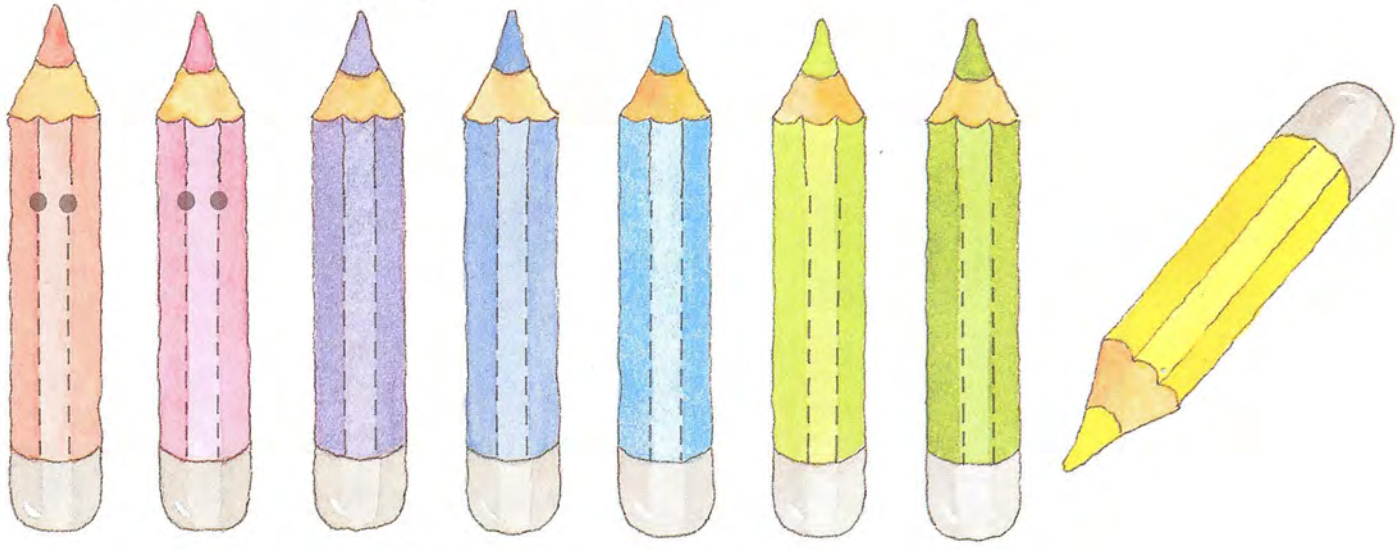
Draw the scales on the fish.
Remember to start on the dots.



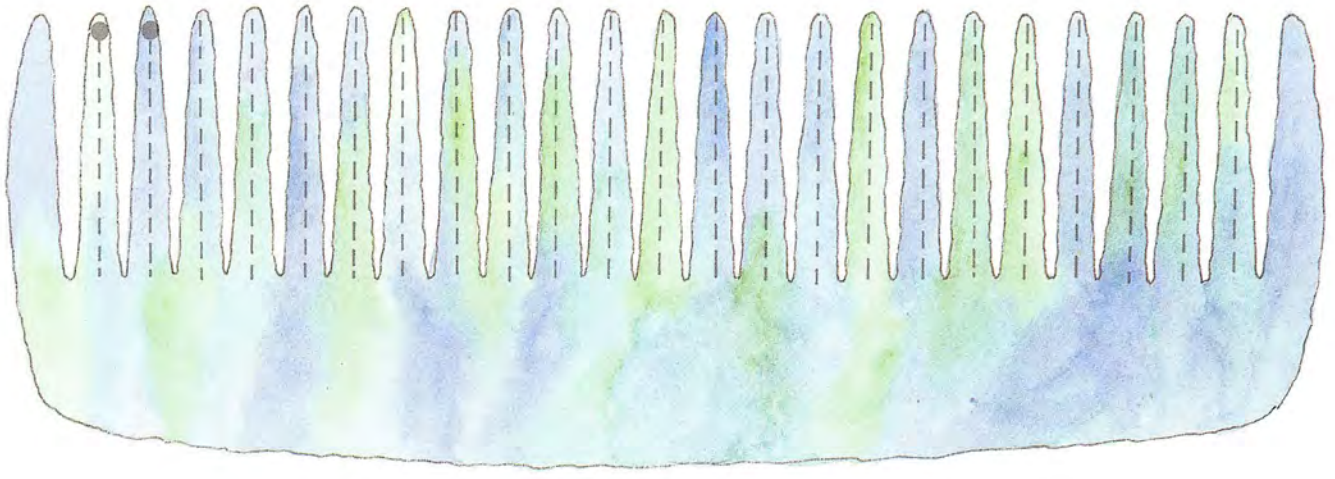
Finger first!
Draw stalks on the flowers.



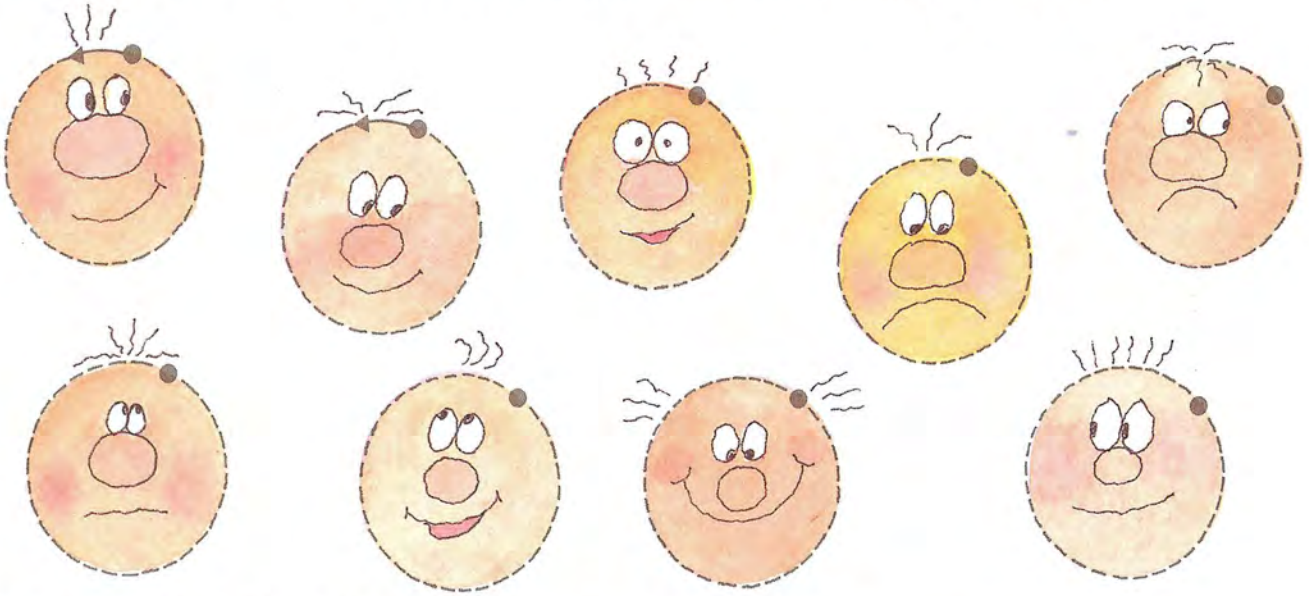
Finish drawing the crayons.



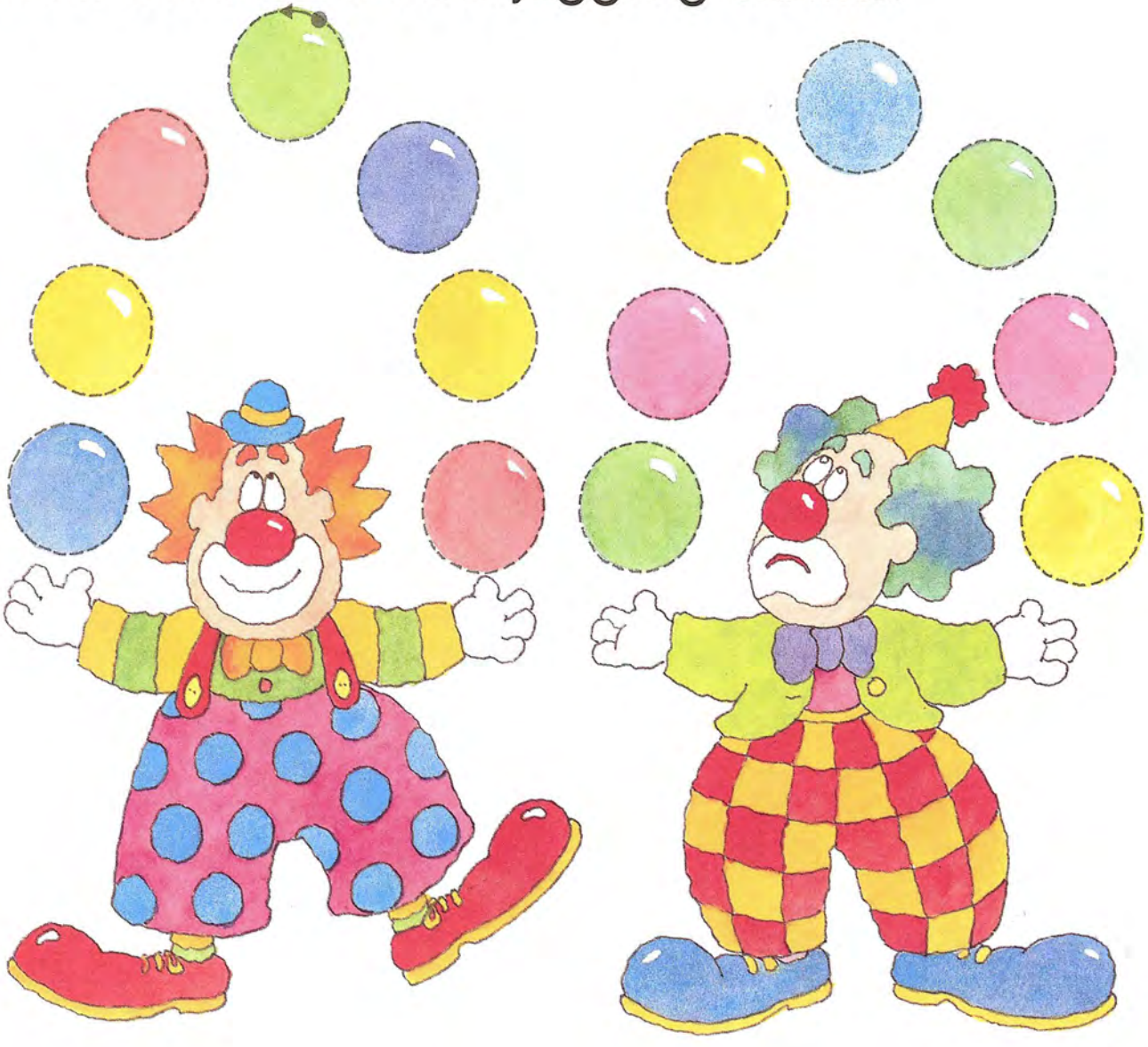
Follow the dotted lines on the comb.



Finger first!
Start on the dot to finish each funny face.

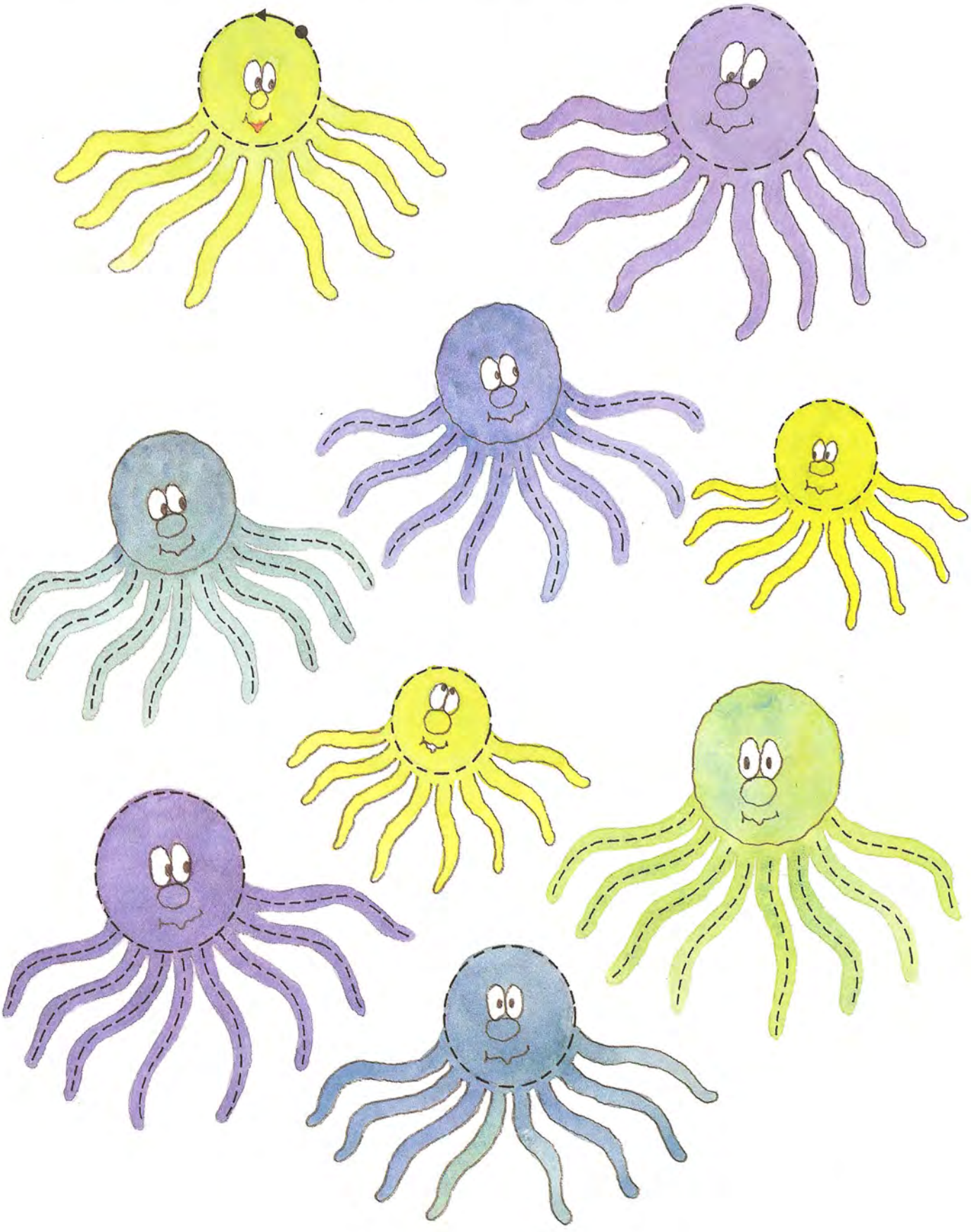


Draw the balls for the juggling clowns.

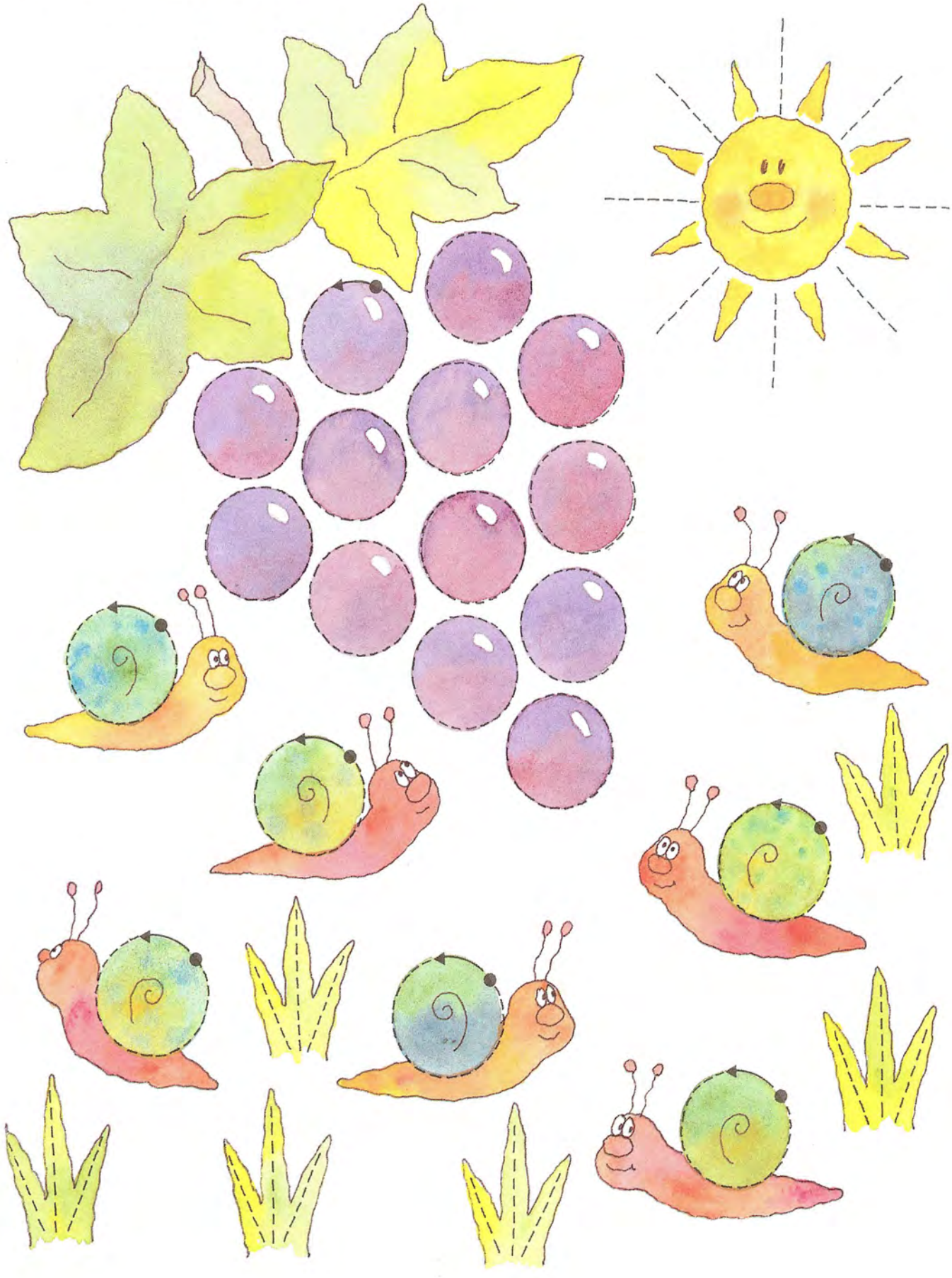


Draw the bubbles that the little girl has blown.

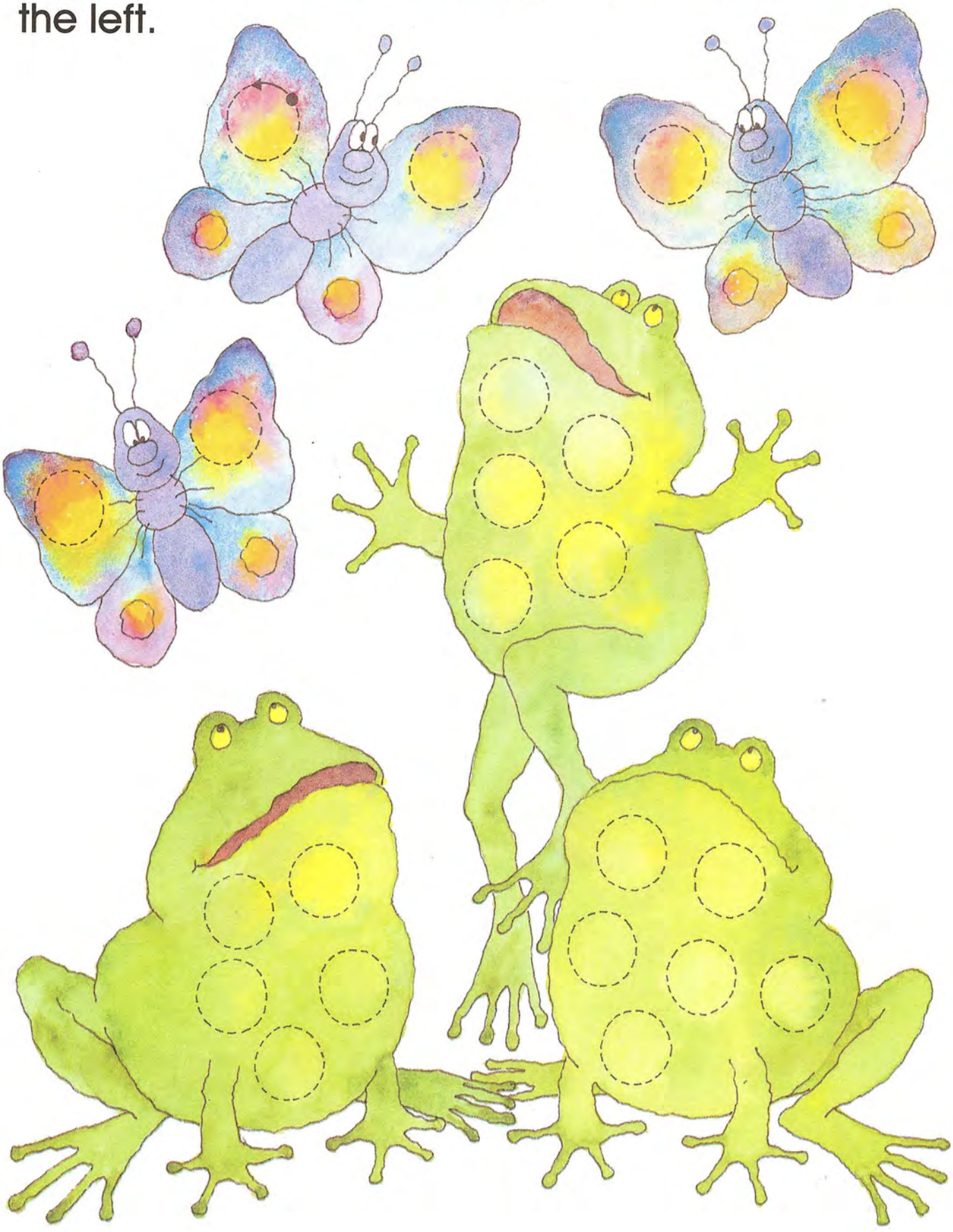
How many octopuses can you count?
Draw their heads and their tentacles.



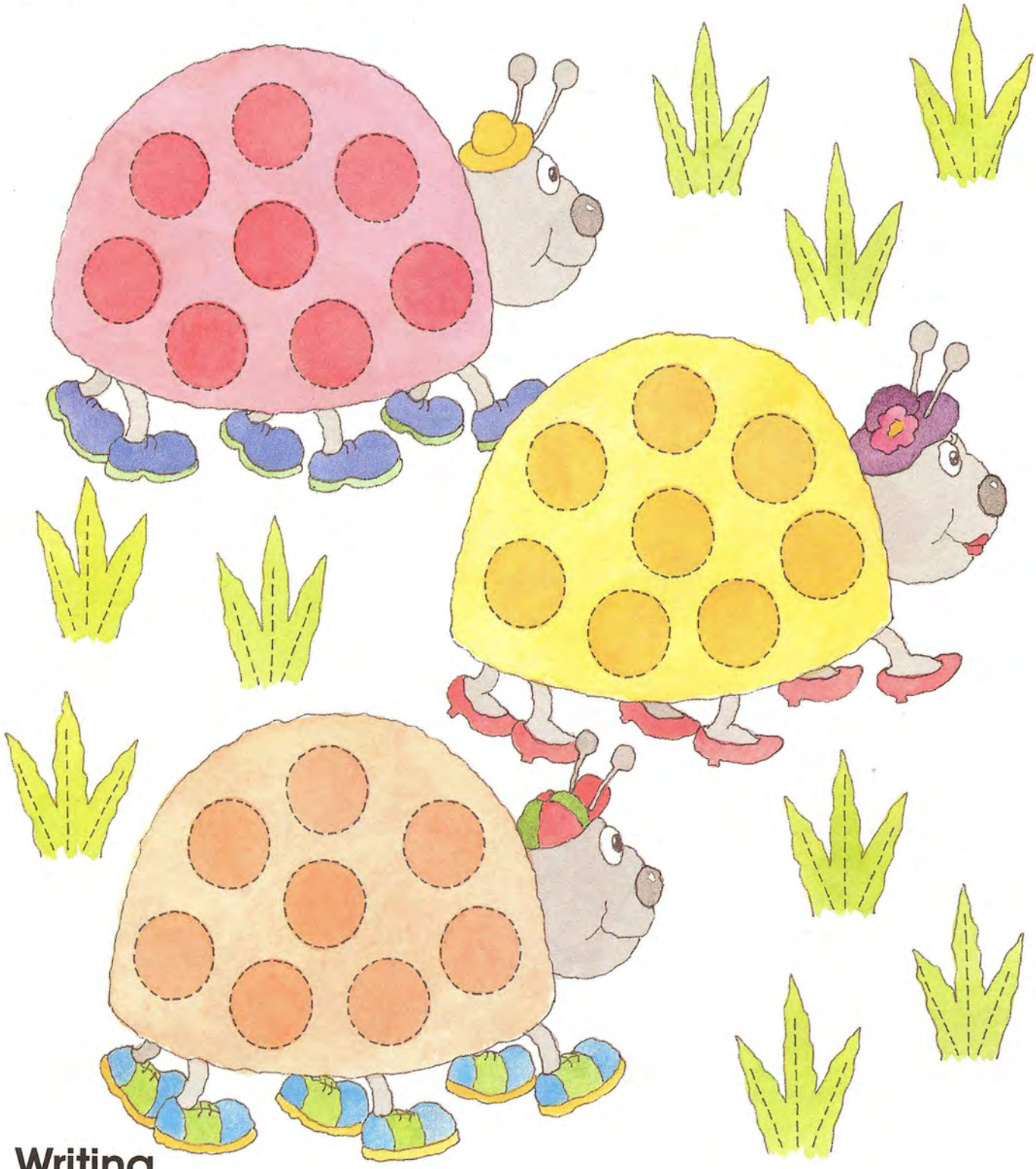
Finish the pictures.
Follow the arrows.



Finish drawing the butterflies and frogs. Remember to draw circles going round to the left.



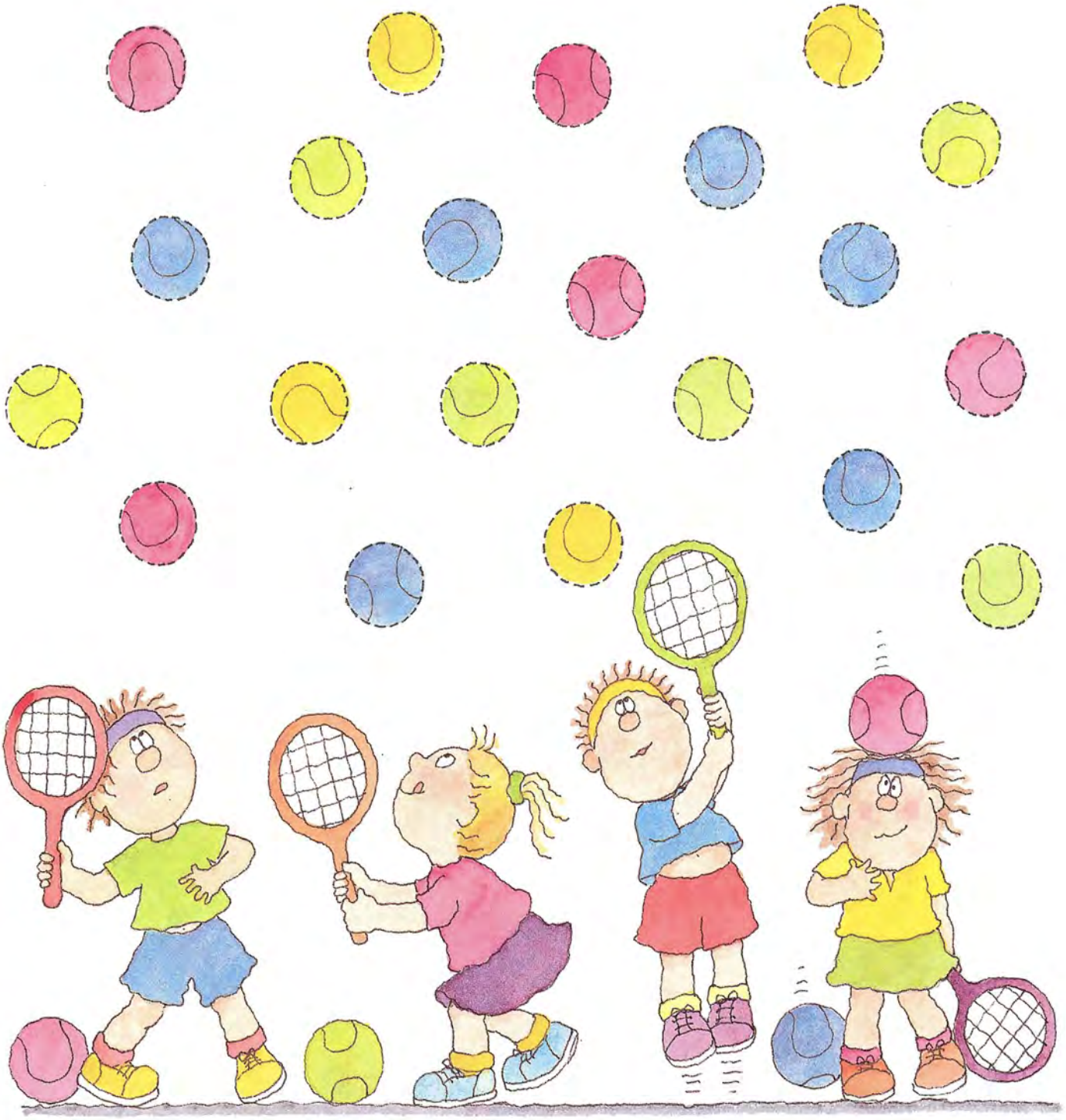
Finish the pictures then do the writing at the bottom of the page.



Writing

o o o o o o o o o

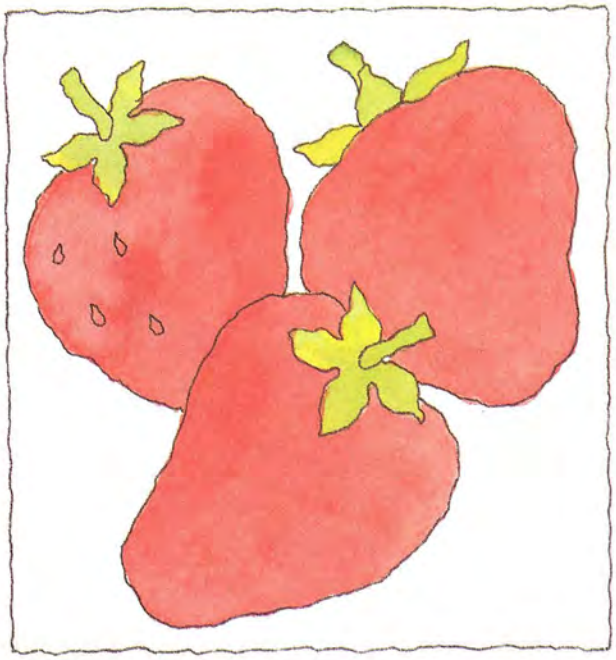
Draw all the tennis balls then do the writing.



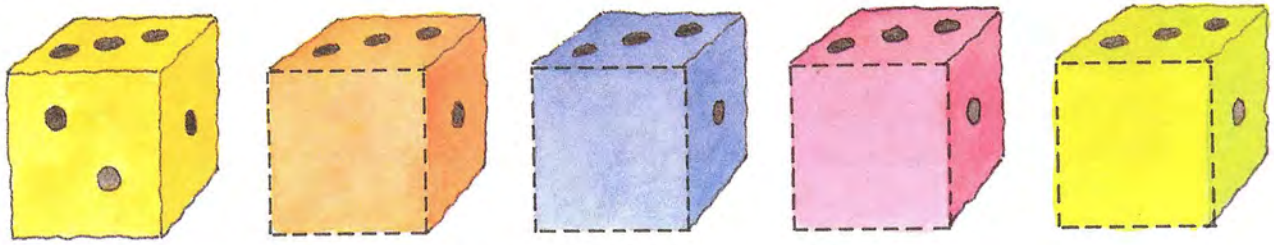
Writing

o o o o o o o o o o

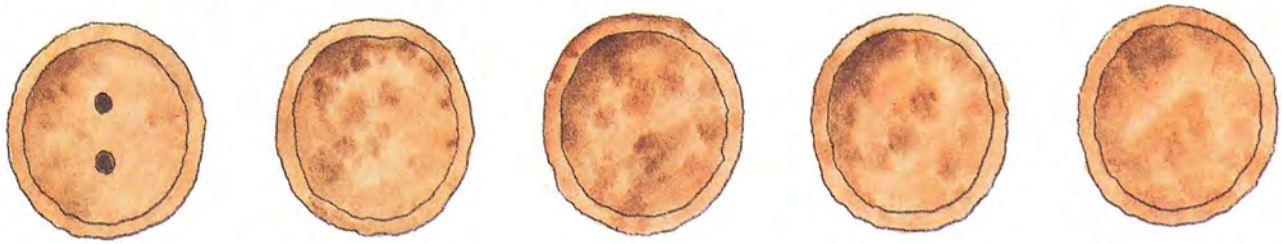
Draw snowflakes round the snowman.
Draw seeds on the strawberries.



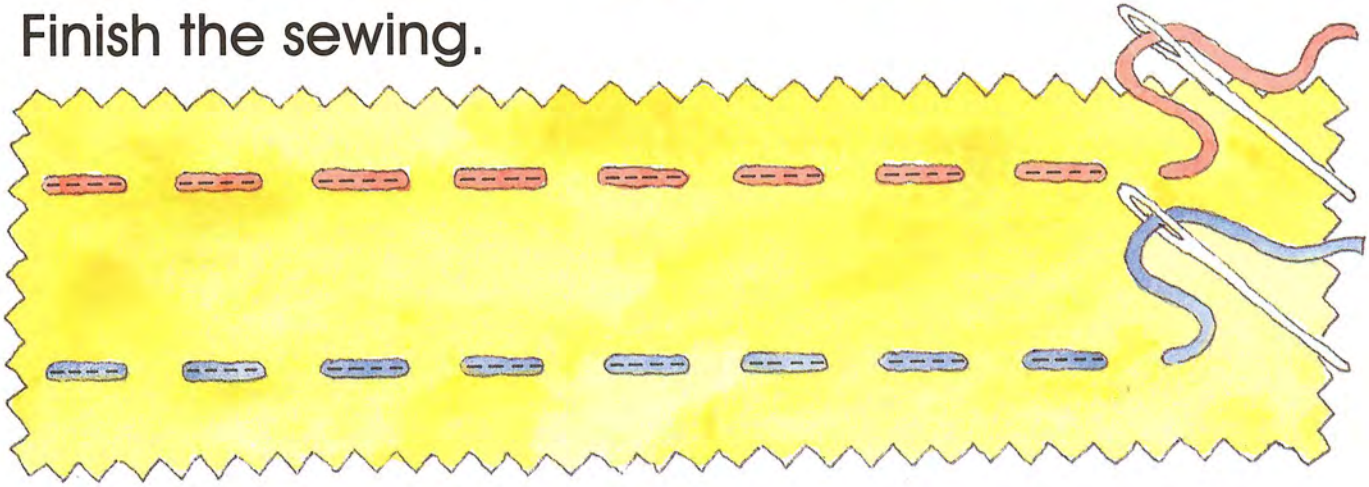
Finish the row of dice.



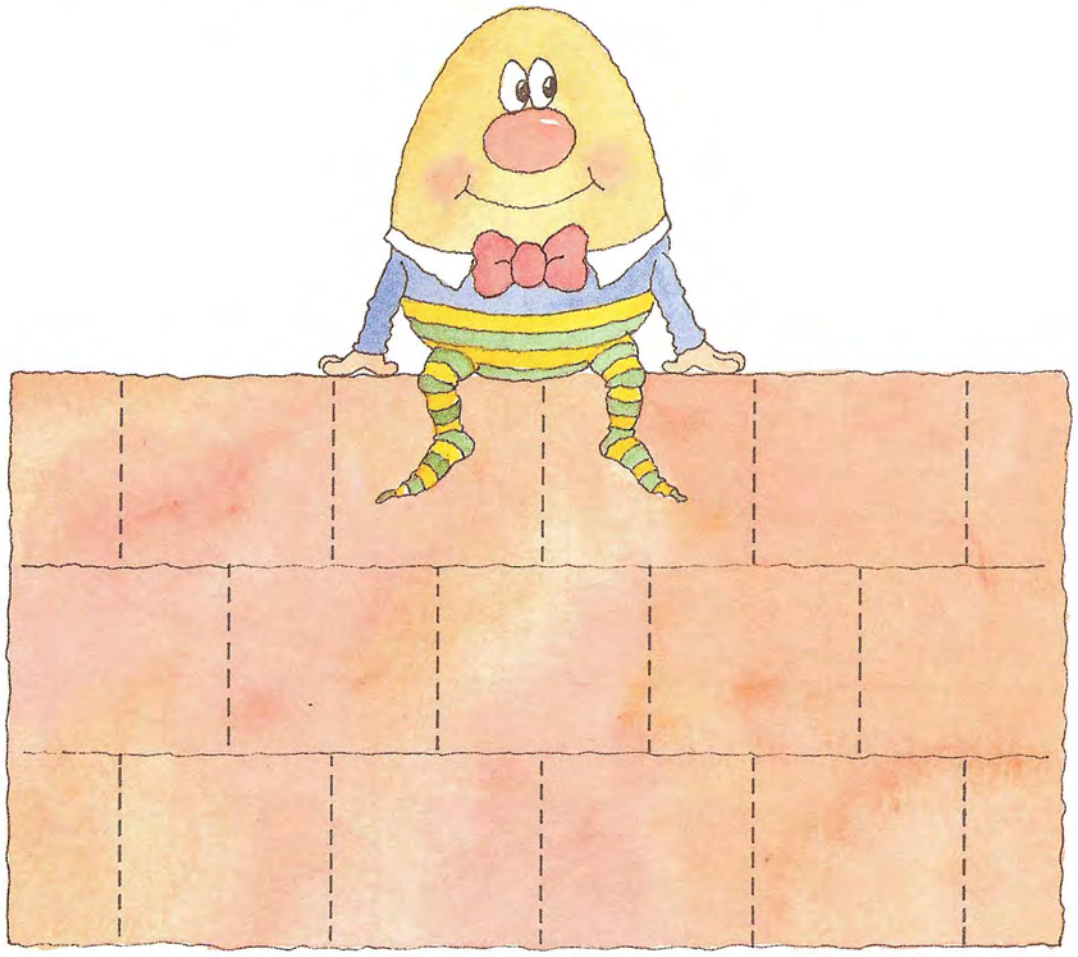
Finish the row of buttons.



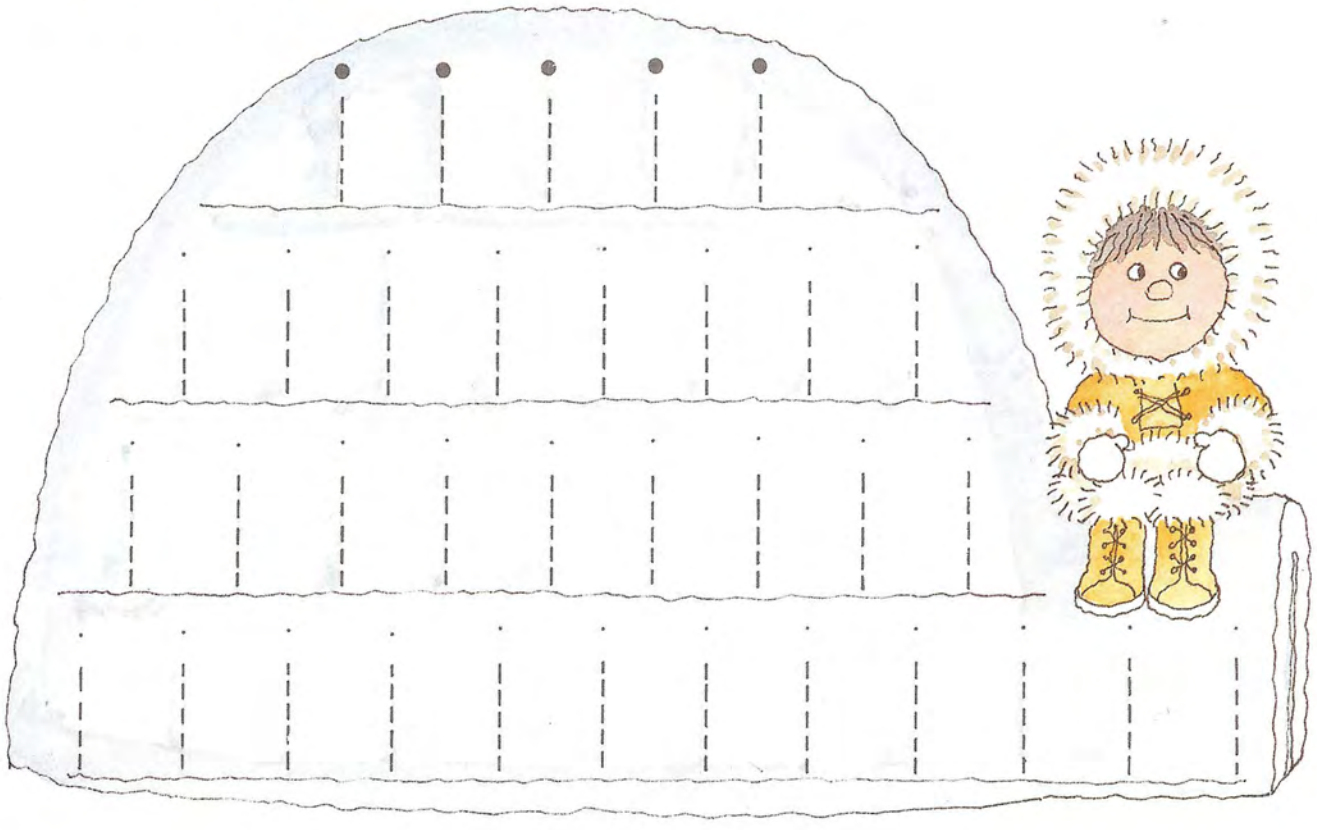
Finish the sewing.



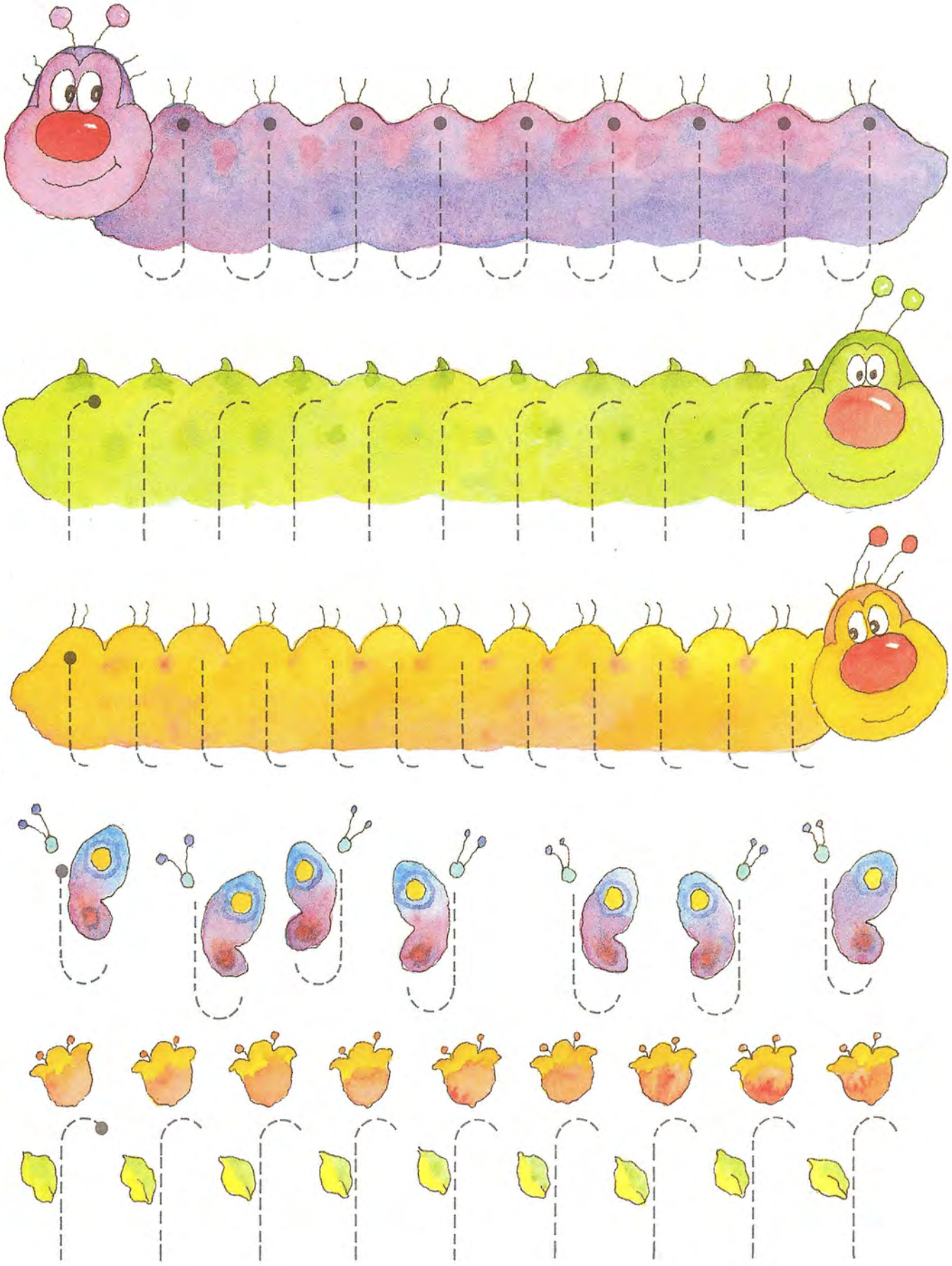
Finish drawing Humpty Dumpty's wall.



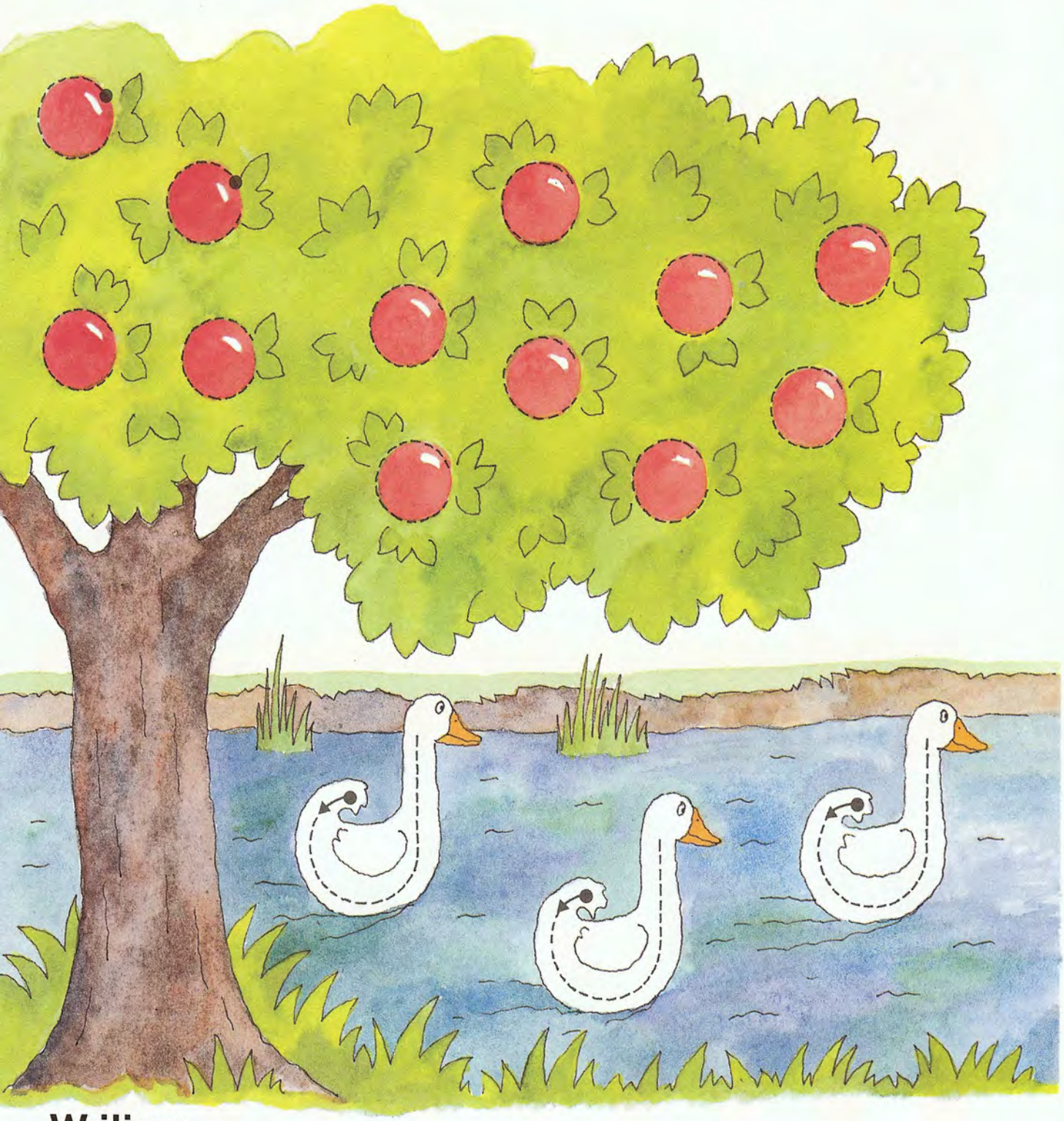
Finish the igloo.



Now you can start to make letters. These shapes are used for **j**, **f** or **t**. Follow the dotted lines.



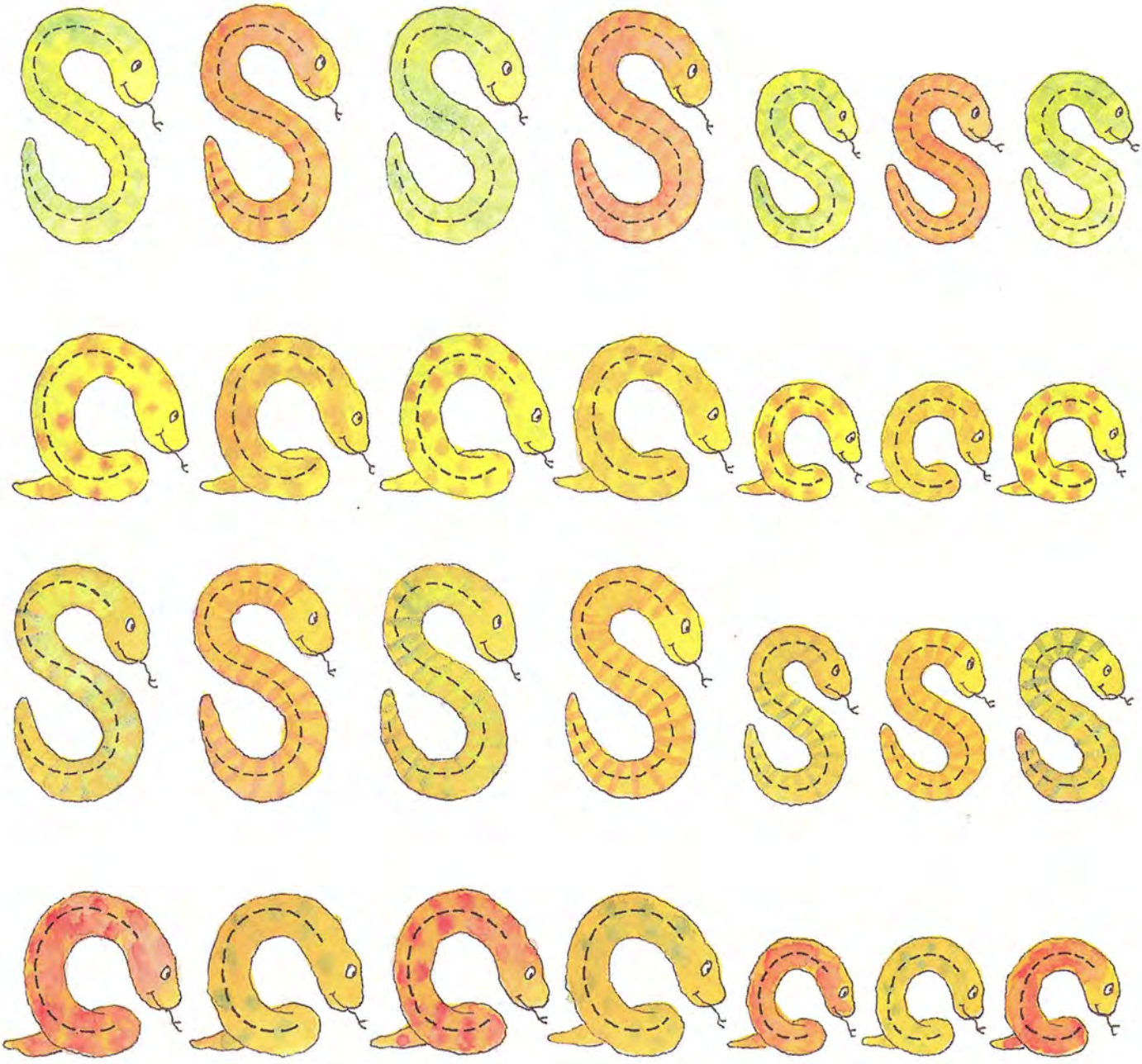
Finish the picture. These shapes are used for **a**, **c** and **d**.



Writing

a a a a d d d d

Follow the dotted lines on the snakes to make **s** and **c**.

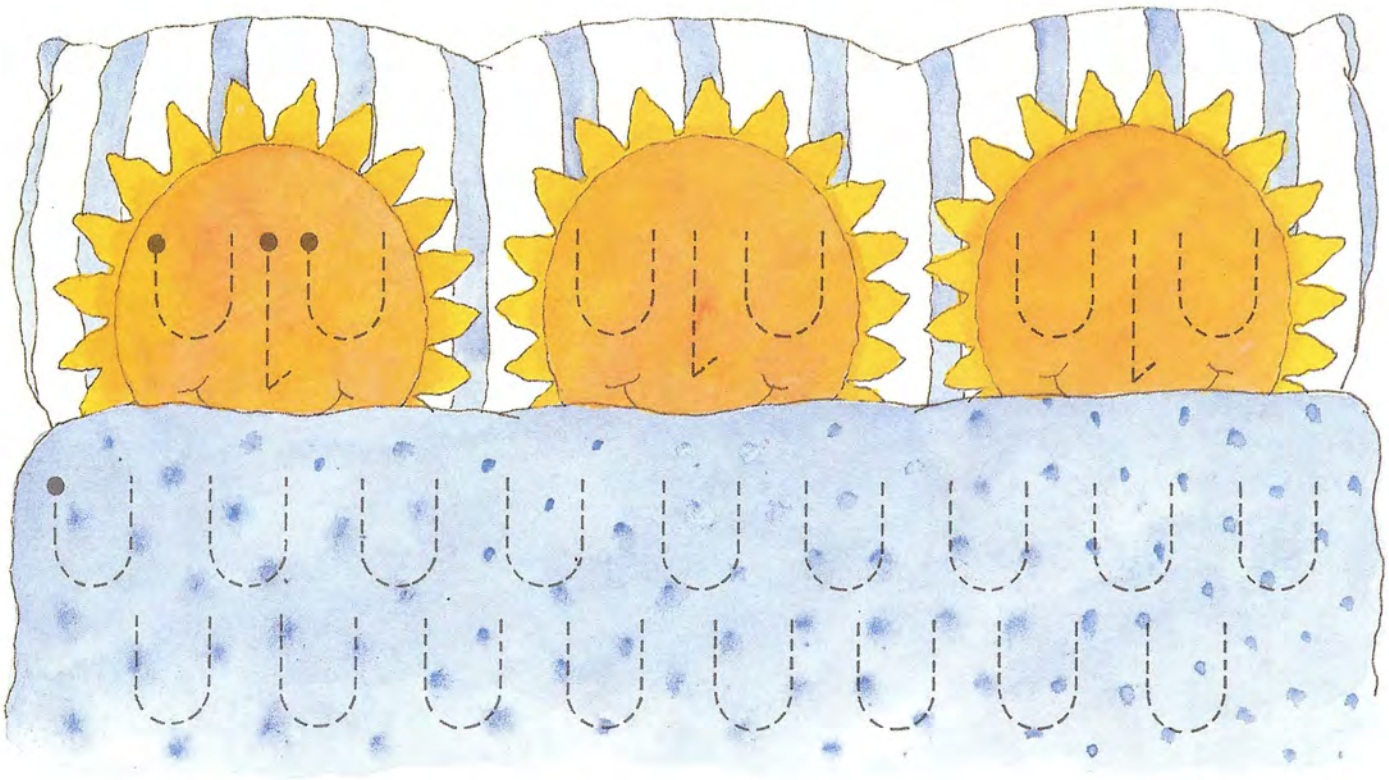


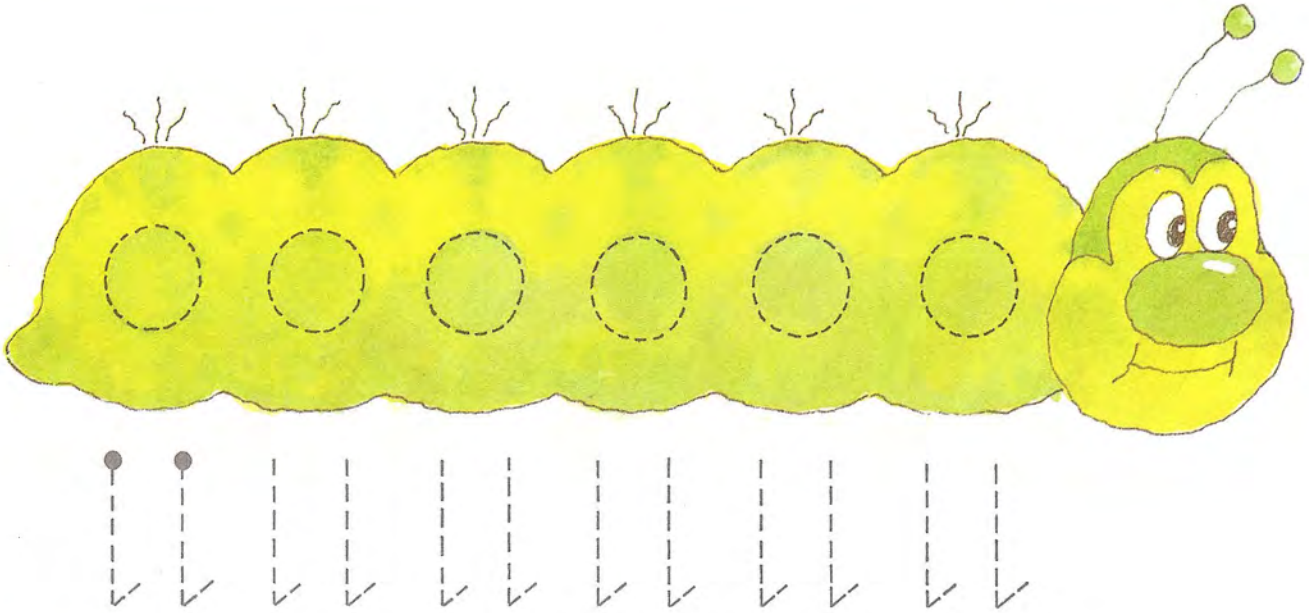
Writing

S S S S S S S S S S

C C C C C C C C C C

Follow the dotted lines.
These shapes are used for **u**, **y**, **g** or **q**.





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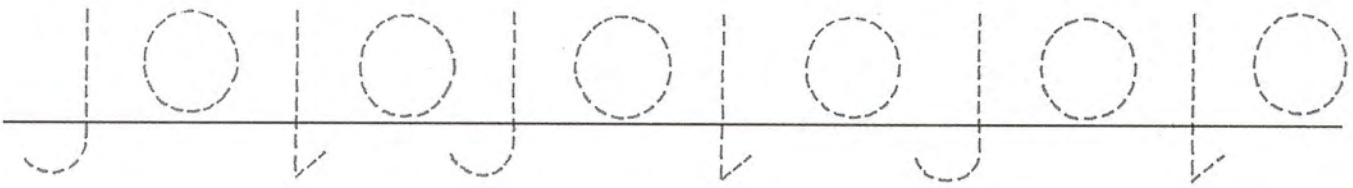
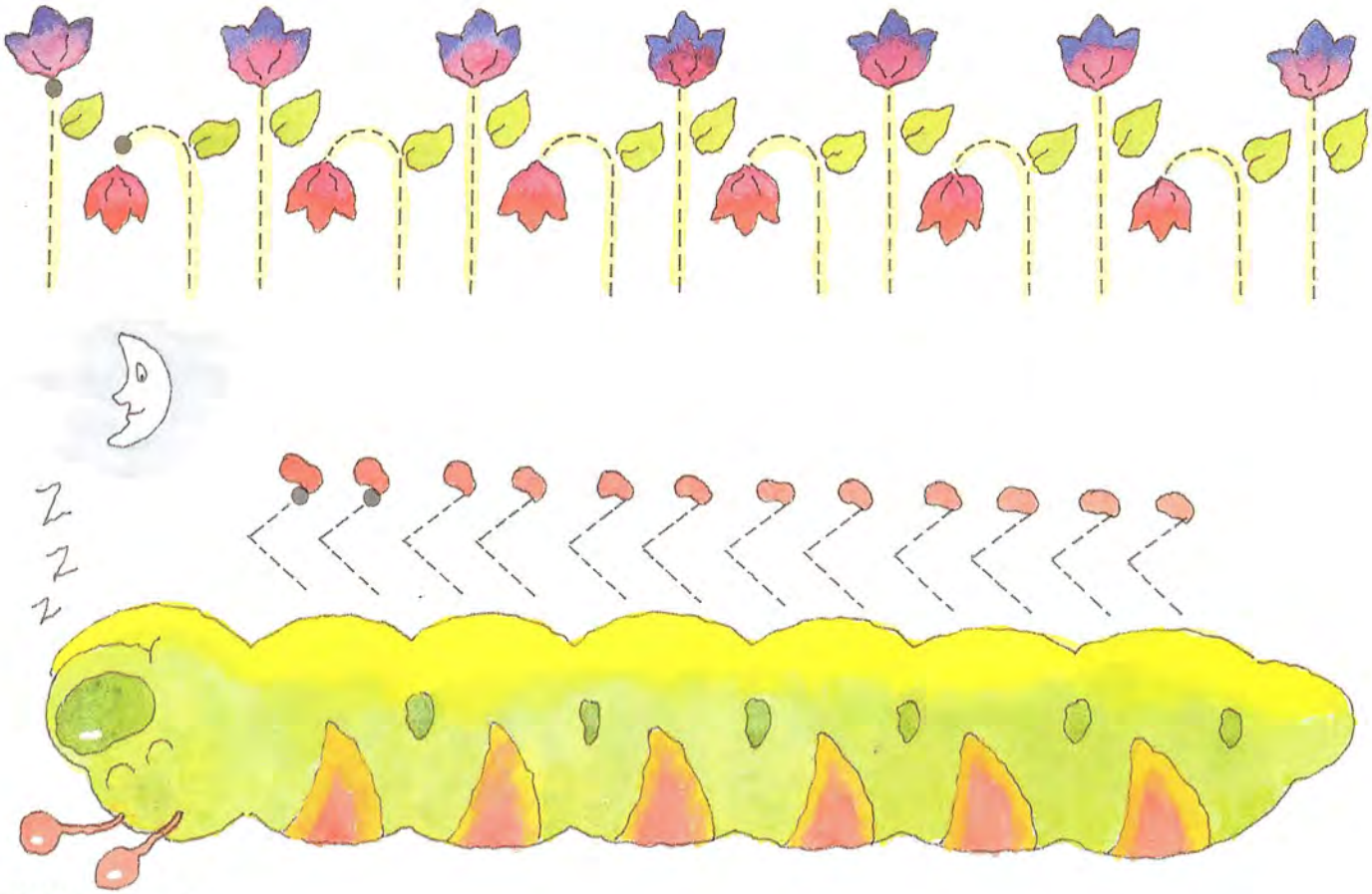


Follow the dotted lines and you'll soon be able to write **b**, **k** or **h**.



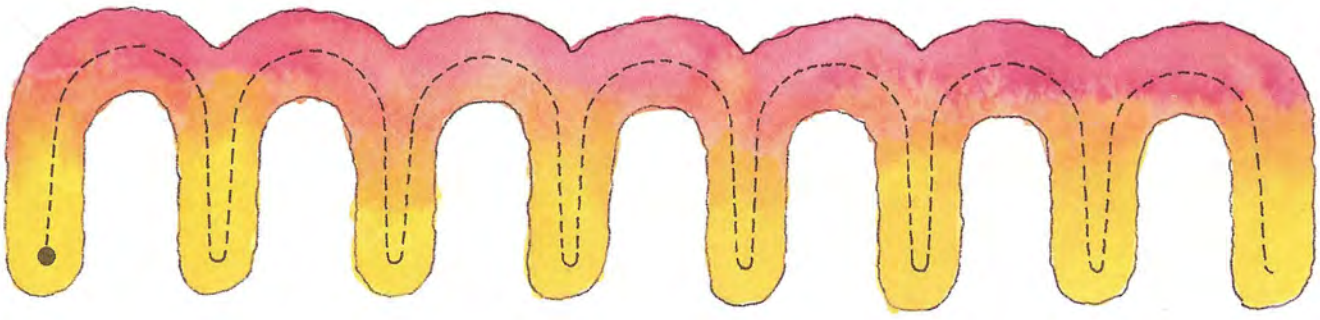
Writing

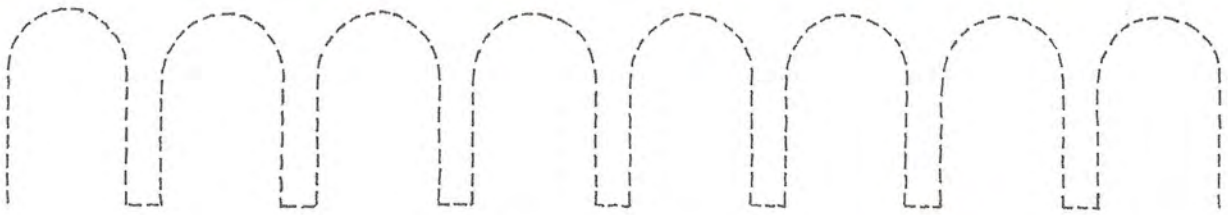
b b b b b b b b b b

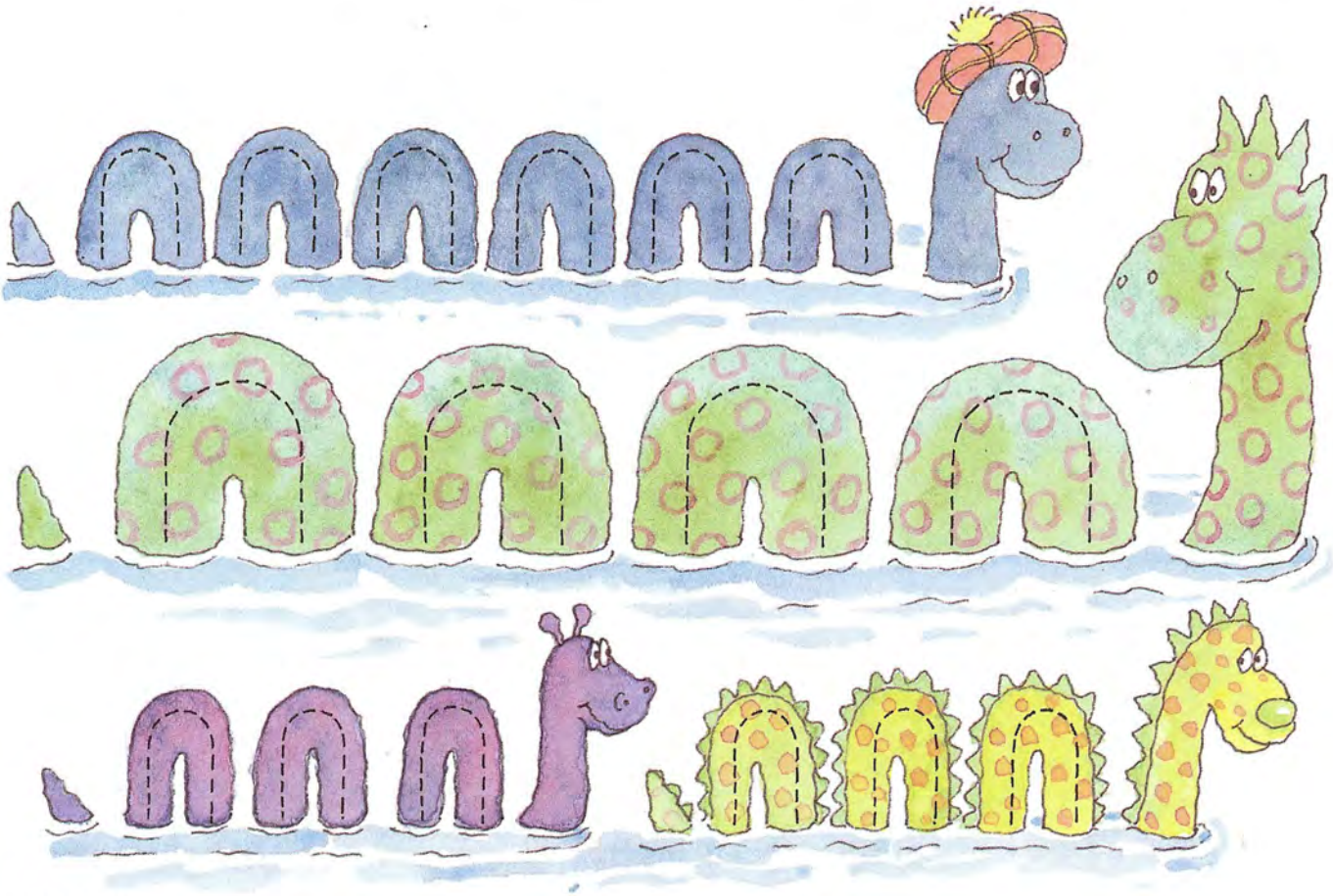
h h h h k k k b b

h h h h h h h h h

These patterns are for **r**, **n** or **m**.







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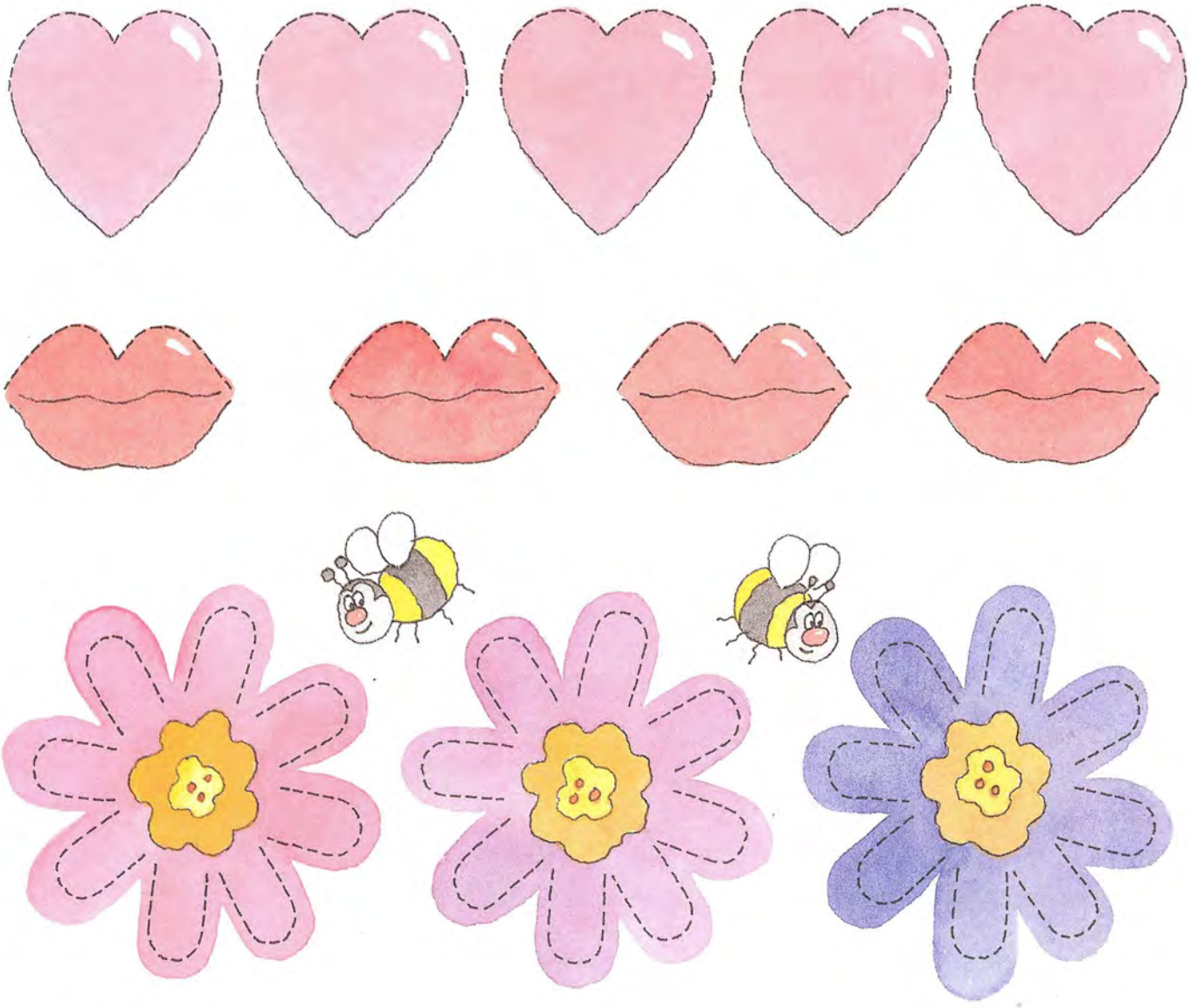

Writing

m m m m m m m

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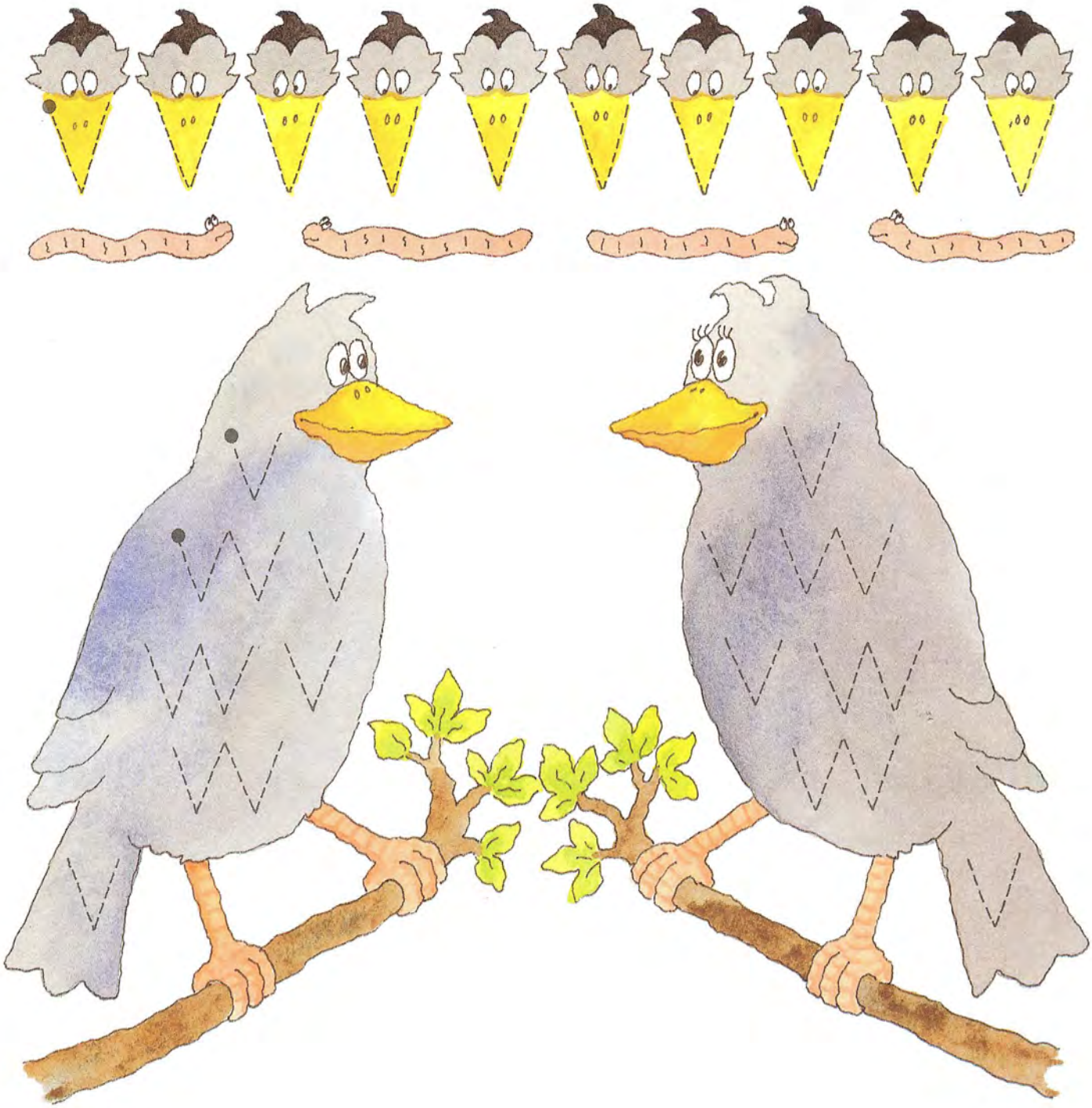
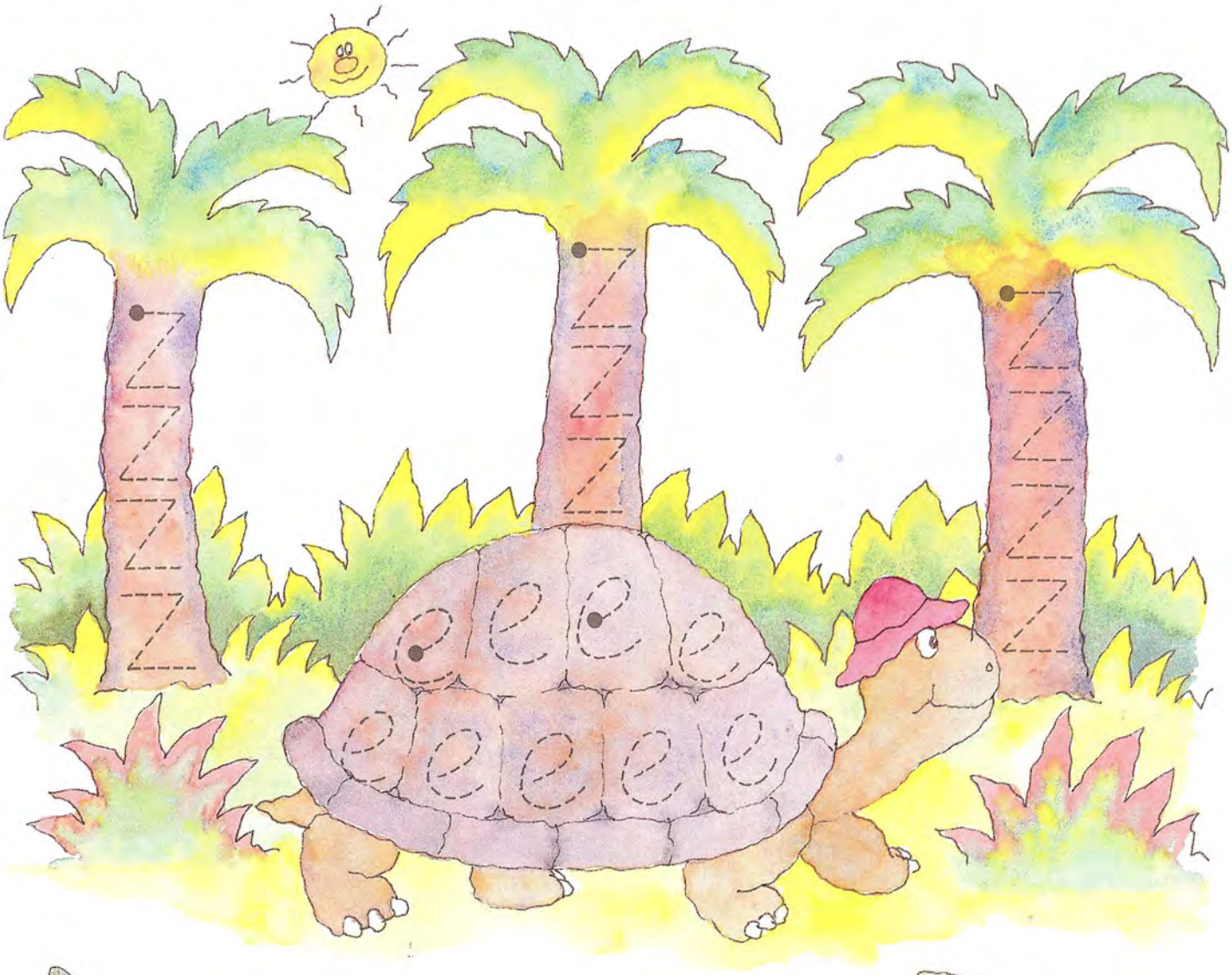
r r r r r r r r r r

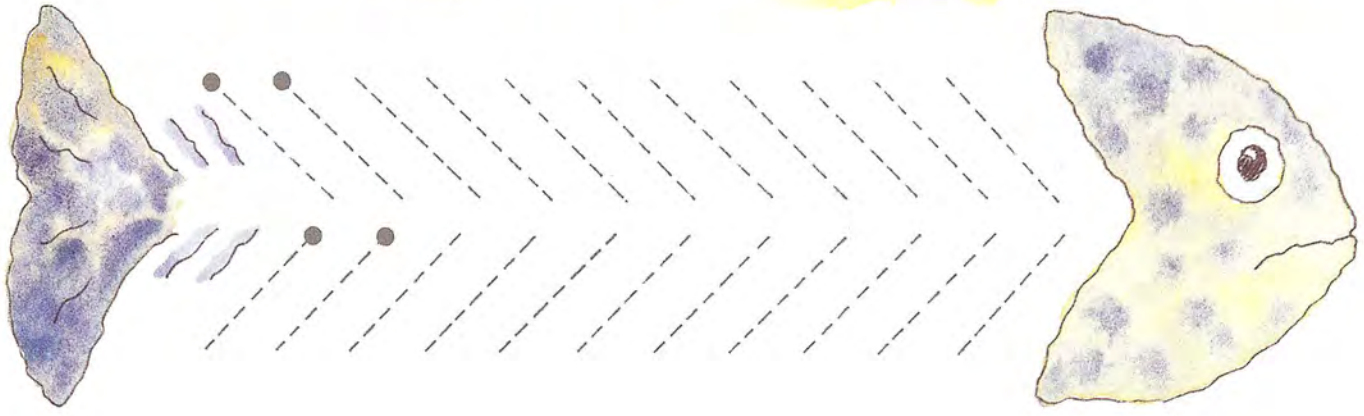
Finish drawing the birds.
This shape makes **v** and **w**.



Writing

Follow the dotted lines to draw **e**, **z** or **x** shapes.





Writing

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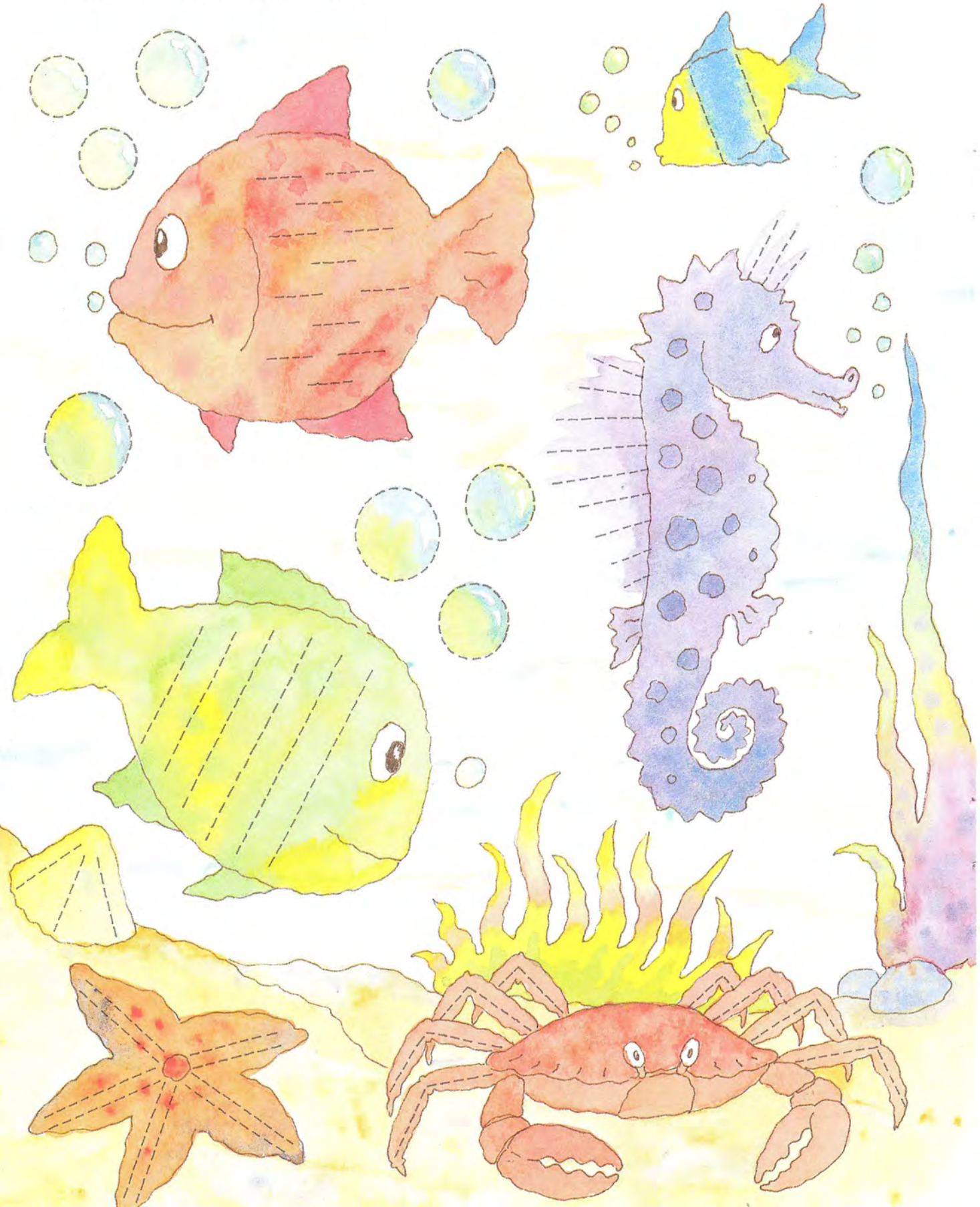

Draw over the dotted lines to finish the letter shapes.
Colour the picture of Noah's Ark.

Begin to Write Book 1

Learning at Home

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